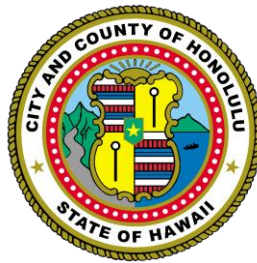




Message from Director

Fall is just around the corner
and now is the time to look back at

another fantastic summer of adding quality to the lives of O'ahu's park users! For me, it is truly a privilege to continue the proud tradition of park events and activities, while looking forward to adding new opportunities on our island. That includes maintaining traditions like our incomparably popular Summer Fun program, Foster Botanical Garden's Midsummer Night's Gleam, or the long-running Nā Hula Festival. These mainstays are the foundation for a thriving community and some of the best parts of Hawai'i. While we keep those traditions alive, it also important to look ahead and see how we can enhance the future. We continue to live that mantra by recognizing the accomplishments of our sports teams, breaking ground on new park locations, or forging partnerships to ensure that our parks are used properly and enjoyed by everyone. Mahalo to our DPR 'ohana for helping to move us all forward. A special thanks to DPR's Executive Services for always supporting our staff and our Maintenance Support Services for repairing & revitalizing our aging facilities. Have a great fall season!



MO'OLELO PĀKA (PARK STORY)

Quarterly newsletter from the City and County of
Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation
July through September 2019

UPCOMING PARKS & REC EVENTS!

Talk Story Festival: *Friday, Oct. 11, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Hālau o Haumea at the Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies at University of Hawaii Mānoa*

Continuing the Hawaiian tradition of preserving oral history through storytelling, this event is in its 31st year with a theme of He Lei Aloha (a lei of love) and several guest presenters.

Mayor's Craft & Country Fair: *Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall*

Get a head-start on holiday shopping, and support our vibrant Senior Clubs, with the 45th annual showcase of homemade goodies! Everything from yarn leis, to fresh produce, and a wide assortment of holiday crafts will be available for purchase. You can also participate in the Holiday Wreath Contest and Karaoke Contest while enjoying various informational booths.

"We add quality to life!"



Midsummer Night's Gleam

July 20

Foster Botanical Garden's most popular event was a dazzling success again this year! With over 6,000 attendees, some 1,300 luminaries, and countless smiles, this annual event has become a community favorite since it began in the 1970's.

2019 Summer Fun Program

June - July

One of the great things about Hawai'i is our high quality, affordable, seasonal day camp offered every summer. With nearly 11,000 keiki and teens enrolled in 2019, its success is a testament to the hard work of our recreation staff.

Aloha Park Groundbreaking

July 29

A public-private partnership with the Rotary Club of Honolulu will result in the newest city park located in Waikiki on Aloha Drive. At just under an acre in size, the park will feature: irrigated grass areas, trees, benches, lighted walkways, and fencing/entryways.

79th Annual Nā Hula Festival

Aug. 4

The state's longest-running, non-competitive, annual hula show graced the Kapi'olani Park Bandstand for the 79th year! This year we had performances from five hula hālau, with dancers ranging from keiki to kūpuna, under beautiful weather.

Wai'anae Tigers Championship Sign

Aug. 18

In honor of their undefeated 2017 National Championship winning season, a sign was placed at Piliā'au Community Park, and unveiled during a ceremony, to commemorate the park as the team's home turf in Wai'anae.



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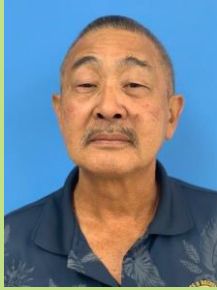


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Mahalo to our Outstanding Employees!



Donna Ing



Neal Narikawa



Lynne Soong



James Malapit



Markie Belmodis



Gayleen Balais



Shane Kane

Employees of the Year

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Congratulations to Craig Mayeda for being recognized as the 2019 Manager of the Year for the entire city!



- We experienced some technical difficulties with our online class registration software for free fall classes the week of Aug. 12, which resulted in sporadic access to registrants. The issues were fixed by Aug. 15. A big mahalo to DPR staff, DIT for their technical support, and most importantly to the patient members of the public.
- Maintenance Support Services began their annual sand pushing efforts along the North Shore and Leeward Coast in August. In particular, sand was recently pushed at 'Ehukai, Paumalū (Sunset Beach), and Mākaha Beach Park.
- Phase 1 of the rockfall mitigation project for Kuilei Cliffs Beach Park (Diamond Head or Lē'ahi) was completed and the switchback trail down to the beach was reopened on August 9. The contractor will resume work on the Beach Road side at the end of fall 2019. Encampment enforcement and volunteer efforts scheduled for September.
- At Ala Moana Regional Park, the road repaving project for the park drive began site work in mid-August, and the renovation project for the Ala Moana Ewa-side Bathhouse was completed. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was posted and a press conference was held to announce the latest news on the park improvements.
- Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Park was closed for six-weeks beginning in early September for electrical rewiring. This will prepare the park for an upcoming renovation project, with further announcements to come.
- The closure of Kalo Place Mini Park was extended until mid-October to allow the grass to get nice and healthy

Kākou for Parks Program Updates:

Since 2015, Mayor Caldwell and DPR have continued to show dedication towards revitalizing some of our aging or damaged facilities through this one-of-a-kind program. This has resulted in improvements to **160 different parks** around O'ahu, including:



Pōka'i Bay Beach Park



Lanakila District Park



Kipapa Neighborhood Park

114

New & Refurbished Play Apparatus

88

Renovated Comfort Stations

329

Resurfaced Play Courts